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Four Author Events Booked for City Libraries in January

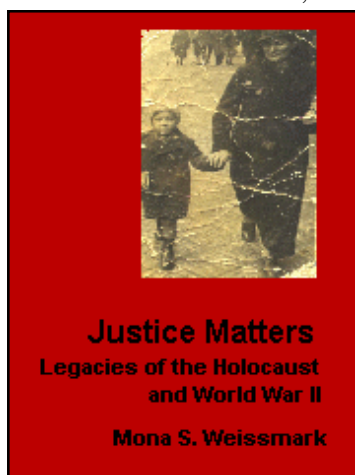
The City of San Diego Public Library regularly holds special events with authors where the public can meet the writers and discuss their work. The new year will be kicked off with four free author events featuring six writers of books with a variety of topics.



The first scheduled event will be Jan. 14 when Mike Davis, Kelly Mayhew and Jim Miller, authors of **"Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See,"** will discuss and sign copies of their book. The book is a history of class and power in San Diego, an anti-tourist guide that debunks the sunshine myth for locals and

visitors alike. The authors show that behind the popular tourist sites hide a militarized metropolis, boasting the West Coast's most stratified economy and a tumultuous history of municipal corruption, virulent anti-unionism, political repression, and racial injustice. This alternative civic history deconstructs the mythology of "America's finest city," exposing its true undergirdings of militarism, racism and economic inequality. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St. For more information, call 858-538-8165.

Mona Sue Weissmark, author of **"Justice Matters:**



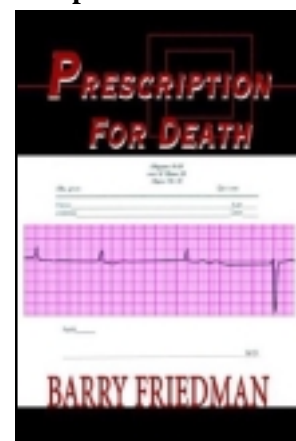
Legacies of the Holocaust and World War II" will appear at the Central Library's auditorium on Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. In 1992 in Boston, sons and daughters of Holocaust victims met face-to-face with the children of Nazis for a fascinating research project to discuss the intersections of their pasts and the painful legacies that history has imposed on them.

"Justice Matters" illustrates how the psychology of hatred and ethnic resentments is passed from generation to generation. Alex Zukas, Ph.D., professor of history at National University, will facilitate a discussion. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Call 619-236-5800 for more information.

Barry Friedman, author of **"Prescription for Death – A Medical Mystery,"** will

discuss and sign copies of his book on Jan. 21 at noon at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. The novel is about a gang of criminals who devise a scheme to defraud insurance companies by faking heart attacks. Their plot includes a method of altering cardiograms, a relatively new diagnostic tool in 1931, the setting of this story.

Stuart Downing, a young physician, suspects the scheme, but digging out the evidence proves a deadly pursuit. Downing is up against a devious lawyer, unscrupulous doctors, crooked insurance agents and killers. Downing must match his ingenuity against theirs with an unimaginable threat lurking at his every move. For more information, call 858-538-8163.



Author Kathi Diamant will discuss her 20-year research in preparation for the writing of her book **"Kafka's Last Love: The Mystery of Dora Diamant"** at the Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington St. on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. Based on original sources and interviews, including never-before-seen material from the Comintern and



Gestapo archives and Dora's newly discovered notebook, diary and letters, the book illuminates the life of a literary "wife" who was a remarkable woman in her own right. Call 619-692-4910 for more information.

Libraries to be Closed New Year's Day and MLK Day

All City libraries will be closed on Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. They will also be closed Jan. 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All book drops will remain open.



Opera Lecture Series Kicks off Jan. 20

The Library will present a series of entertaining lectures that will help people better understand operas that are part of the San Diego Opera's 2004 repertoire. The first will be held Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. and focus on Puccini's spectacular "Turandot," which will be performed at the San Diego Civic Theater in January and February. "Turandot" will be brought to life by the San Diego Opera by the renowned artist David Hockney and the fabulous voices of some of the world's best opera singers. All lectures in the series will be held in the Central Library's auditorium, 820 E St. Call 619-236-5800 for details.

History of the Point Loma Navy Lab

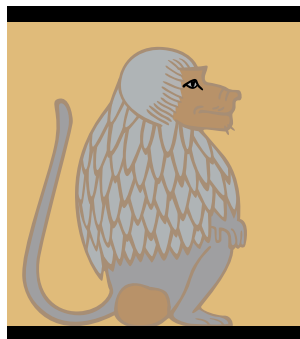
The history of the Point Loma Navy Lab, now called the SPAWAR Systems Center, will be discussed at the Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. on Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The program will be presented by the Friends of the Point Loma Library.

Musical Trio and Soprano to Perform at Rancho Bernardo Branch Library

The Oberon Trio with Voice will perform a free concert at the Rancho Bernardo Branch Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The trio features performers on piano, cello and violin and will include a soprano for this concert.

Chinese and Vietnamese New Year Celebrated

The Mira Mesa Branch Library will welcome the Year of the Monkey early on Jan. 14 at 4 p.m. A film and a lion



dance performance will take place and Chinese and Vietnamese food will be served. Also, to prepare for the celebration, a paper lantern craft program will be held Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Branch Library. On Jan. 22, the unique puppet show "Weaving of a Dream -

A Chinese Fairytale" will be held at the Mission Valley Branch Library at 8 p.m. Special programs will also be held at the Linda Vista Branch Library at 10 a.m. on both Jan. 20 and 27, and at the University Community Branch Library at 3 p.m. on Jan. 21.

Coming Attractions



Jan. 4: "**Levity**" (2003) – An ex-con freed from prison after 19 years for killing a teenager during a robbery, tries to find personal redemption with the help of a minister and two women. Central Library, 2 p.m.

Jan. 5: "**Lovely and Amazing**" (2002) – A comedy about a mother and her daughters: a former homecoming queen, an aspiring actress, and an 8-year-old preoccupied with her looks. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 12: "**Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl**" (2003) – A gentleman rogue of a pirate (Johnny Depp) teams up with the daughter (Keira Knightley) of a governor to stop the evil plan of a ship of dangerous pirates. Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3 p.m.

Jan. 12: "**Blue Car**" (2003) – A gifted but emotionally scarred 18-year-old is encouraged to enter a poetry contest by her teacher. While tension at home escalates and she struggles to find a way to get to the poetry finals, her teacher's role in her life becomes increasingly complex. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 20: "**Read My Lips**" (2002) – An overworked and underappreciated secretary thinks she deserves better. She hires 25-year-old man as a trainee who is a thief, fresh out of jail. She teaches him good manners and he teaches her bad ones. In French with English subtitles. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 26: "**The Cuckoo**" (2003) – In Russia during World War II, a romantic triangle develops between a Lapp woman and two soldiers from opposite sides of the war. In Russian, Finnish and Lapp with English subtitles. Central Library, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 30: "**Sabrina**" (1954) - Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn and William Holden star in the Billy Wilder classic. Mission Valley Branch Library, 7 p.m.

Jazz Saxophonist to Perform

Joe Marillo, jazz tenor saxophonist, is among San Diego's most distinguished and accomplished musicians; pure musical magic. He will perform Jan. 8, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Mission Valley

Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. The program is free and seating is on first-come, first-served basis. Call 858-573-5007 for more information.





“Watchful Eyes” Over Mission Valley Library

“Watchful Eyes,” a sculpture by artist Cliff Hollestelle featuring a red-tailed hawk, is on longterm display at the Mission Valley Branch Library. The sculpture was commissioned by Pacific Southwest Wildlife Arts Inc. for the San Diego River Park. A dedication ceremony was held Nov. 21. *Photo: John Lima*

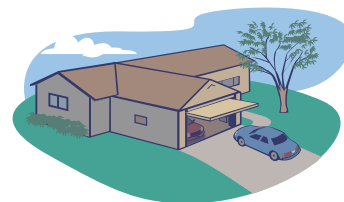
Winter Concert Series Begins with Performance by the California Quartet

The Library’s Winter Concert Series will begin in January with two performances. On Jan. 11 at 2:30 p.m. the California Quartet, which features Bridget Dolkas, violin; Alice Wrate, violin; Krista Haslim, viola; and Erin Breene, cello; will perform works by Dvorak and Hindemith. On Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m., Karen Elaine Bakunin, viola, and Peter Kent, violin, performing Handel-Halvorsen’s Passacaglia and Martinu’s Three Madrigals. Both concerts will take place in the Central Library’s auditorium, 820 E St. Other concerts are scheduled Feb. 8 and 22, March 7 and 21, and April 18. For more information about the series, call 619-236-5800.



Free Home Buying Seminars to Continue at City Libraries in 2004

The Library and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage will continue to offer free home buying assistance seminars in 2004. The Path to Home Ownership Begins @ your library™ is a multi-year public education and awareness campaign responding to the well-documented desire of the overwhelming majority of Americans to own a home. The program is a collaborative effort between the Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, a leading provider of home financing. The initiative provides libraries nationwide with a list of targeted reference materials and Web sites that will help homebuyers make well-informed financial decisions. The next seminar is scheduled for Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Otay Mesa Branch Library, 3003 Coronado Ave. To register, go to the following Web site: <http://www.wellsfargolibraryseminars.com>.



Presentation on Light and Color in Art

On Jan. 14, Susan Sarback, artist, author, founder of the School of Light & Color, will offer a slide presentation and a lecture, which will give an overview of color in both historical and contemporary paintings showing the diversity of approaches that artists have used. Artists as well as art lovers will gain new insights into the visual realm of light and color. The free program will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mission Valley Branch Library.

Two Concerts to be Held at Carmel Valley

The Carmel Valley Branch will host two concerts in January. On Jan. 14 at 7 p.m., guitarists Ryan Suchil and Dominic Schaner will perform a free concert of classical, ragtime and blues. On Jan. 31 at 8 p.m., flutist Sarah Tuck will perform in a concert presented by the Fairbanks Art Center. Tickets for this program are \$10 and \$12. The library is located at 3919 Townsgate Drive. Call the branch at 858-552-1668 for details.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City’s web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

